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Title: Process and Apparatus for Producing Packs with an Outer Wrapper as well as Reel Unit

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents          14 November 2001
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified patent application, please amend it as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, prior to line 1, delete "Description" and replace with:

--**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1.     Technical Field.--**

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert:

--**2.     Prior Art.--**

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Page 1, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, between lines 7 and 8, insert:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 4, between lines 2 and 3, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Add new Claims 19 and 20:

19. (new) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the printing, markings (24) and/or printed marks (25) sensed by the sensors or printed-mark readers (26, 30) are evaluated for the purpose of controlling the drive of the film web (13) and/or of the material strip (18).

20. (new) Apparatus according to Claim 7, characterized in that conveying elements for the material strip (18) and/or the film web (13) provided with material strip (18) and/or tear-open strip (12) can be controlled by the sensors - printed-mark readers (26, 30) - in respect of changing the drive speed of the film web (13) and/or material strip (18).

## REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to incorporate the section headers preferred by the USPTO. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. New Claims 19 and 20 correspond to original Claims 3 and 8, respectively, to incorporate

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the subject matter of the deleted multiple dependencies.  No new matter has been
added.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for examination
and allowance and respectfully request such action.

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3.     Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the printing, markings (24) and/or printed marks (25) sensed by the sensors or printed-mark readers (26, 30) are evaluated for the purpose of controlling the drive of the film web (13) and/or of the material strip (18).

8.     Apparatus according to Claim 6, characterized in that conveying elements for the material strip (18) and/or the film web (13) provided with material strip (18) and/or tear-open strip (12) can be controlled by the sensors - printed-mark readers (26, 30) - in respect of changing the drive speed of the film web (13) and/or material strip (18).

19.     Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the printing, markings (24) and/or printed marks (25) sensed by the sensors or printed-mark readers (26, 30) are evaluated for the purpose of controlling the drive of the film web (13) and/or of the material strip (18).

20.     Apparatus according to Claim 7, characterized in that conveying elements for the material strip (18) and/or the film web (13) provided with material strip (18) and/or tear-open strip (12) can be controlled by the sensors - printed-mark readers (26, 30) - in respect of changing the drive speed of the film web (13) and/or material strip (18).

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